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Rumson Recreation's new RFH Rowing crew site adjacent to Victory Park is a new addition to our constellation of beautiful parks. A work in progress, the site will be undergoing additional landscaping and improvements in the months to come.

RUMSON RECREATION

Don't Miss a Thing!



Summer Hoops, Fall Soccer, Flag Football and various camp registrations continues at the Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays 8:30am-4:30pm.

The **Summer Hoops Basketball** program is for children who are currently (2011-2012 school year) in grades 3-8. This is a co-ed basketball program, which will run from June 25 through July 25. Coaches will call with specific game times and dates. Games are played outdoors on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Victory Park and Rogers Park. **Registration deadline-June 1.**

The **Fall Soccer** program is for children enrolled in grades K-8 for the 2012-2013 school year. Kindergarten children participate in Saturday morning clinics, which run throughout the fall beginning September 8 (specific time and location for clinics will be posted at www.rumsonrec.org by August 15, 2012). Practices for grades 1-8 are during the week with games played on Saturdays. Games for children in grades 1-8 begin Saturday, September 8. Coaches will call with team assignments and schedules. **Registration deadline-June 1.**

The **Flag Football** program is for children who are 5-10 years of age. (Children must be 5 years old prior to August 1, 2012.) Games are played on Saturday mornings from 8:00am-11:00am during September-November. Coaches will call with team assignments and game schedules. **Registration deadline-June 1.**

Summer Playground-June 25-July 27 at Victory Park-Monday-Friday 8:30-11:30 AM. Children must be six years old as of October 15, 2012. The program runs Mondays through Fridays from 8:30-11:30 AM. Registrations are due by June 15, 2012.

Summer Camps

US Premier Soccer Camp- 7/9-7/13
YES Soccer Camp- 7/23-7/27
Bulldog Basketball Camp-6/25-6/28
Crew-Learn to Row Camp-Victory Park Crew Site-
7/9-7/13 & 7/23-7/27
Football-July 16-18, 7/23-7/25
Academy International Lacrosse Camp 7/9-7/13
Tennis-(weeks of) 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30
Golf-lessons by appointment throughout the
summer beginning 6/25
US Sports Multi Sports Camp-7/30-8/1
Coach Shempy & Randy Foye RFH Dawgs
Basketball Camp-7/9-7/12 & 7/16-7/19
Chess Camp-7/30-8/3

Camp Coordinators will have registration forms/brochures available in April/May with detailed information. Additional flyers will be available at the Rumson Borough Hall.

Soccer officials needed: Anyone 14 years old or older who would like to be a paid soccer official for the 2012 season should contact John Hird at 732-842-3300 or jhird@rumsonnj.gov. If you are 14 please go online to www.njrefs.com and register for the one day recreation level license. Do this asap because these training sessions fill up early.

Family Fun Nights in Victory Park



Come out and enjoy four fun-filled evenings with your family at Victory Park! The Rumson Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor four evenings of entertainment for you and your children free of charge this summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to Victory Park for the following Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM: July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 29. The July 15 concert will feature perennially popular Yosi and the Super Dads. Events will be posted on our website www.rumsonrec.org.

Visit our website at www.rumsonrec.org!

Catching up with RUMSON BOY SCOUT TROOP 201



Why the igloos? In February, a contingent from Troop 201 went to Minnesota to do a High Adventure dog sledding trek in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area. The boys camped out on a frozen lake and actually *slept* in igloos. How *cool* is that?

This summer a group will be going to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico for a 10-day trip where they will hike from camp to camp for approximately 72 miles. After that adventure, Troop 201 will attend their annual summer camp at Camp Nobebosco in Blairstown NJ.

Troop 201 scout Chris Farkouh is also completing his Eagle Scout project. With the help of the troop, he made a sign and did some plantings at the new Rumson Rowing launch site on River Road. Brother Steve Farkouh completed his Eagle Scout project, restoring a playground at one of the Tinton Falls schools. When Chris and Steve become Eagle Scouts, they will join John Motley, Jr., Avery Peterson and AJ Mayro, who received their awards last fall. Congratulations to all of you!

Two more scouts, Andrew Tort and Kyle Burnett, are in the process of getting their Eagle projects approved. They plan to begin work on their projects later this spring. Ethan Sackett's project has been approved and, with the help of the troop, will be working on restoring the grounds of the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium on Sandy Hook, weeding the gardens, applying a layer of mulch around the property, and installing edging to prevent further erosion. He'll also be installing rain barrels and refurbishing a layer of gravel that surrounds part of the building.

The troop also pitched in to help Robert Hespe and his group with the pruning and cleanup of Riverside Park in Red Bank, helping to prune the hundreds of rose bushes. This project will continue through the spring.

For more information on Troop 201, please contact Lourdes Lucas at lucas@lm-lawfirm.com. New members are welcome!

RESIDENTS REJOICE!



OCEANIC BRIDGE IS SLATED TO REOPEN ON SCHEDULE

Monmouth County officials have said that our bridge is expected to reopen as scheduled by Memorial Day Weekend, news that is music to the ears of residents and business owners on both sides of the currently disabled span. There's even a chance that it could reopen earlier, but that's not guaranteed. Mother Nature has smiled on the rehab project. A much warmer than average winter and low precipitation allowed an earlier start on parts of the project that would have waited until more clement weather, like painting.

County Engineer Joseph Ettore has said that the bridge repairs were aided significantly by the fact that several of the main floor beams in the drawbridge sections were able to be refurbished rather than replaced, speeding things up considerably. The final piece of work will be testing to determine the posted weight limit, which is hoped to allow school buses and fire trucks to use the bridge again. Vehicles over 3 tons have been banned from the bridge for the past couple of years.

After the bridge reopens, the final steps will be approval of a replacement bridge type followed by final design and construction, which will take an estimated six plus years. For now, though, we'll just enjoy the view from our venerable old bridge.

MULCH VOLCANOES CAN KILL TREES

Improper mulching techniques are a common downfall and are among the leading causes of mortality in freshly planted trees. Mulch should never be piled up against the tree trunk. Mulching in a “volcano” shape can make the tree more susceptible to fungus, insects, and rodents. The volcano of mulch also prevents water from reaching the tree’s roots. Among the worst materials for mulching are fresh grass clippings, organic matter, peat moss or sawdust, ground rubber tires and stones or pebbles.

Mulching in the shape of a donut is the best form to prevent disease and damage to the tree. The best materials for proper mulching are chunks of bark, pine needles, wood chips aged for one year, or leaves that have been shredded and decomposed for a minimum of three months. Mulch should be spread six inches from the trunk at ground level and outward to the ends of the outreaching branches. Keep the mulch to a maximum depth of four inches, never allowing it to gather around the trunk itself.

Proper mulching techniques nourish the tree by as-

sisting the soil to hold water for the roots while reducing weeds and grass around the tree that would compete for resources such as water and nutrients. Mulching also prevents soil erosion, which is highly damaging to the tree’s roots and increases the chance for the tree to become uprooted in a storm. Mulch helps to moderate soil temperature, which is much less stressful for the tree’s roots. Acting like an insulating blanket, mulch helps to cool the soil in the summer and warm it in the winter. The right mulch can act like a slow-release fertilizer for the tree.

If trees on your property are surrounded by mulch volcanoes, do not remove the entire volcano at once, which may further stress the tree as its roots may have grown up into the mulch volcano. The New Jersey Community Forestry Program suggests contacting a registered NJ Certified Tree Expert for suggestions on treating the tree. For more information contact the Community Forestry Program at (609) 292-2532 or visit www.communityforestry.nj.gov.



10 REASONS TO PLANT TREES IN NEW JERSEY

1. Trees store carbon and clean the atmosphere. In 50 years, one tree generates \$30,000 in oxygen, recycles \$35,000 of water and removes \$60,000 of air pollution.
2. Trees prevent or reduce soil erosion
3. Trees make life more pleasant by softening harsh outlines of buildings and reducing noise pollution.
4. Trees screen unsightly views and provide privacy in our neighborhoods.
5. Research shows that trees help reduce stress in the workplace and speed hospital patients’ recovery.
6. Living windbreaks reduce cooling and heating costs, reduce wind, provide wildlife habitat and simply look nice.
7. Living snowfences, strategically placed trees hold snow away from roads, reducing maintenance costs.
8. Trees, planted as memorials, leave a valuable gift for future generations.
9. Trees add brilliant colors to fall landscapes and following the dropping of the leaves, provide excellent mulch for the Garden State
10. It has been proven that trees measurably increase neighborhood cohesion and thus reduce crime rates.

RUMSON EMS



The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization, staffed by your friends and neighbors. The Squad provides basic pre-hospital emergency care and transport services, twenty-four hours per day and 365 days per year. On average, the First Aid Squad responds to approximately 425 calls for service each year. Additionally, you might notice the Squad's presence for stand-by coverage at local events, such as local athletic races and games, parades, and other community events. All of our services are always free of charge.

On June 10, the Rumson First Aid Squad will be helping to sponsor the second annual Kelleher Kids' Triathlon, along with the Sandy Hookers Triathlon Organization. This annual event is celebrated in honor of our former Captain, Bob Kelleher, who was an avid athlete and triathlon enthusiast. Several hundreds of kids will participate in the races, and everyone always has an incredible time! A special thanks to the many volunteers who assist in managing this event.

Our 2012 leadership team consists of the following people: Max Ross (captain), Jenn Brennan (first lieutenant), Randy Cogger (second lieutenant), Frank Davis (sergeant), Rob Eyerluss (president), Diane Dupuy (vice-president), Stacey Giglio (secretary), John Wibbelsman (treasurer), and trustees Dennis Nitka, Don York, Jenn Brennan, Robert Micieli, and Scott Paterson. We are very grateful for this team's dedication and commitment to our operations.

We are very proud to have a robust cadet program, which consists of high school students in training to become full members upon graduating. Our cadets are perhaps our hardest-working members; in addition to responding to calls and participating in trainings and exercises with our other members, they run specialized training sessions and team-building activities. This summer, the cadets will travel to New York City to participate in a conference focusing on communications, emergency procedures and field operations, and collaborative strategies and approaches to the future of the emergency medical services field.

We would like to congratulate two of our cadet members, Emily Powell and Meghan Drastal, who recently received their EMT-B certifications after completing the very rigorous, 250-hour course. We are very excited for them! Our other cadets--Kat Dahlmeier, Amy Nixon, Abby Portman, Tori Huttner, Connor Briggs, Turner Wibbelsman, Jackie Hempstead, Katherine Barrett, and Rachel Pedersen--will be completing similar trainings in the coming months. We are very proud of all of these students, as they are the true future of our squad! Their efforts do not go unnoticed.

The Rumson First Aid Squad has been providing emergency medical services and care at no cost to the patient, twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week, for over 60 years. We are very appreciative of your generosity and donations, which are crucial for supporting our services. All donations made to the First Aid Squad are used for the procurement of medical supplies and equipment for our ambulances, as well as for the training of our all-volunteer staff of Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders.

We are constantly looking for new members to respond to emergency calls, as well as other citizens who would be willing to lend their talents in aid of the Squad's administration. If you are over the age of 16 and are interested in joining us, please visit us at www.rumsonems.org, email us at info@rumsonems.org, or speak with any of our members.

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&
CARBON MONOXIDE
DETECTORS
SAVE LIVES!**



**HAVE YOU CHANGED THE
BATTERIES IN YOURS?**

RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Rumson Seniors are known for their love of fun, entertaining trips and great food. And speaking of food ... they held a covered dish luncheon in March that qualified as an epicurean delight.



Who says a penny doesn't go far these days? It did at the Penny Auction, also held in March. For just a few pennies, we bought jams and jellies, jewelry, scarves and lots of novelty items. What fun that was!

Many members of the club attended the RFHRHS musical *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. It was hard to believe it was our students singing and dancing so professionally. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of spaghetti, meatballs and dessert in the cafeteria to top off a lovely afternoon.

We have lots of upcoming trips and events for this spring. The Fair Haven seniors group is sponsoring a trip to Cape May on Wednesday, June 13 that includes lunch and a two-hour boat ride. At the moment it is filled, but call Sonia Reevey at 732-747-5583 for cancellation availability.

The Sea Bright Seniors are hosting a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the *Great American Songbook* on July 16. For details, call Bobbi Compton at 732-471-8867.

The club is holding their annual Spring Seniors Luncheon at Salt Creek Grille on June 21 for members and guests. Our annual end-of-year picnic in Victory Park is scheduled for June 30. Two more opportunities for fabulous food!

Make a note on your calendars that a VNA nurse will be on hand at the first May meeting to take your blood pressure. After 30 years of holding our Christmas Bazaar in Wilson Hall at the Presbyterian Church, we have approved a change of venue. This year we will be holding a pre-holiday yard sale of new and old items on the church grounds on September 15 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. The sale is being co-chaired by Ruth Blaser, Tina Bivona, Gina Cesario, Jeanette Dispirito, Vivian McCormack, Joan Duckworth and Peg Horn. Call Gina regarding the pickup of donations and gifts at 732-345-0070. Save the date!

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB

On April 17th, the Rumson Garden Club hosted a talk on hydrangeas given by Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens. At the Gardens, Mr. Crawford oversees a large and varied collection of these exquisite flowering shrubs. His talk addressed the different varieties of hydrangeas, the art of selecting them, and the finer points of planting pruning and fertilizing these classic additions to your garden.

RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB

The Rumson Women's Club is finishing the 2011-2012 club year with the installation of new officers at Rosina's in Shrewsbury on May 14. The officers for the 2012-2014 will be Diane Booker, President, Meredith Brown, Recording Secretary, Sallie Tillman, Treasurer and Connie Caladriello, Corresponding Secretary. The club is installing one new member, Jeanne Britz of Rumson.

This year the club has held two successful fundraisers, a 50/50 and a holiday wreath and plant sale. We sent two girls to Girls Career Institute at Douglass College and awarded one scholarship for a graduating senior. The women of the club continue to support two local nursing homes, and supported Operation Write Home, sending hand-made cards for use by active military families, NJSFWC Day of Service which sent clothing and personal items to the Veteran's Home in Menlo Park, and Boatsie's Boxes, sending filled Christmas stockings to service people in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One member of the club continues to be an advisor for the Two River Juniorettes. The Juniorettes are high school students who want to make a difference in their community while learning the value and obligations of volunteering, friendship and leadership.

Many members of the Rumson Women's Club will attend the State Federation Convention in Atlantic City where Linda Babeuf, outgoing RWC President will be installed as the 53rd President of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC.

The club will hold its reorganization meeting on Monday, June 4 at 7:30pm at Bingham Hall. New members are always welcome!

For more information contact the club at
www.rumsonwomensclub@gmail.com



Spring at the OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY



“Busy” is the buzzword for the library this spring! Have you visited our new web site to keep up with our many activities? www.oceaniclib.org

MAY

We’re “**thinking PINK**” along with other businesses in Rumson as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness project. Let’s turn Rumson into **PINKson!**

May is also “Be Kind to Animals” month. We’re partnered with the SPCA in Eatontown for a month-long donation drive. Please visit our web site to view the SPCA Wish List. We’ll be collecting canned and dry pet food, old sheets and towels, and other items for this local shelter. A special family/children’s program called “It’s Cool to Be Kind”, led by SPCA educators, will be held on May 24 at 3:45 PM.

Armchair Traveler/Digital Destination Series TWO presentations this month!

Thursday, 5/10 at 7:00 PM

TURKEY

Presented by the McWilliams

Thursday, 5/24 at 7:00 PM

ARGENTINA

Presented by the Rossbachs

May Artists: Pat Heck – Mixed Media
The Bead Society of NJ – Jewelry

Book Club: Thursday, 5/24 at 1:30 PM
Call Cynthia Dannen for details;
check our web site

JUNE

Summer Saturday hours begin June 9!
We will be open 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
until September 8.

If it’s June, it must be time for **Summer Reading Clubs!** Please join Miss Anne for *Dream Big*, this year’s theme. We have programs for all ages. Our summer reading club kicks off on June 12 with “Do you DREAM of Being a Fireman?” Special guest fireman Justin Bradley will read a firefighter story to the kids *and bring a fire truck to the parking lot!* On Tuesday, June 26 at 3:30 PM, everyone’s favorite, *The Butterfly Man*, is back with something new: *Let’s Make Toys*. Learn how you can make your own toys from recycled items and things in your house and yard!

Students, we have your summer reading books too. We have the books for Deane-Porter, Forrestsdale, RFH, RCDS, Holy Cross and CBA.

Our Read to a Therapy Dog program and popular new LEGO Club will resume in September. A big “thank you” to everyone who answered our call for LEGO donations!

June Artists: Patti Kaufman – Mixed Media
Joan Laurie – Jewelry

Book Club: Thursday, June 28 at 1:30 PM
Call Cynthia Dannen for details;
check our web site

JULY

Ahhh...summer! And do we have the HOT beach books for you! Come into the coool library for some sizzling reads. Check out our barbeque cookbook collection too.

July’s summer reading club program is “Do you DREAM of being a Dancer?” Guest Jessica Berube, a professional dancer and instructor will read a dance/ballet story and teach the kids some basic dance steps. Date to be announced; call, or watch the children’s page on our web site.

July Artists: Mike Horn – a retrospective by
Peggy Horn

Lena Pfeffer

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful teen volunteers who help us every week: Christine Leo, Shelby Friedel and Matt Buckley.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 AM to 7 PM	Mondays & Thursdays
10 AM to 5 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9 AM to 12 PM	Saturdays (Summer)
10 AM to 4 PM	Saturdays (all other)

SPRING/SUMMER CLOSING DATES

Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4

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www.oceaniclib.org

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
- 2 Shade Tree Commission 4:00 PM Borough Hall Council Room
- 8 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 14 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 15 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 16 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 17 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 22 Borough Council 4:30 PM
- 28 **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 10:00 AM** followed by
Victory Park Service **BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**
NO GARBAGE COLLECTED

JUNE

- 4 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 12 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 14 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 19 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 21 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 26 Borough Council 7:30 PM

JULY

- 2 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY** Borough Offices Closed
NO BULK PICKUPS
- 10 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 11 Shade Tree Commission 4:00 PM Borough Hall Council Room
- 15 **FAMILY FUN CONCERT 7:00 PM - Victory Park**
Yosi and the Super Dads
- 17 Zoning Board 7:30
- 19 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM
- 24 Borough Council 4:30 PM

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